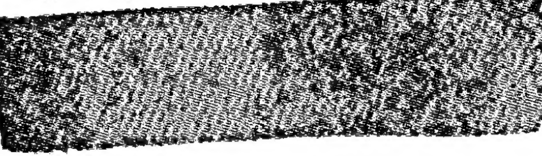
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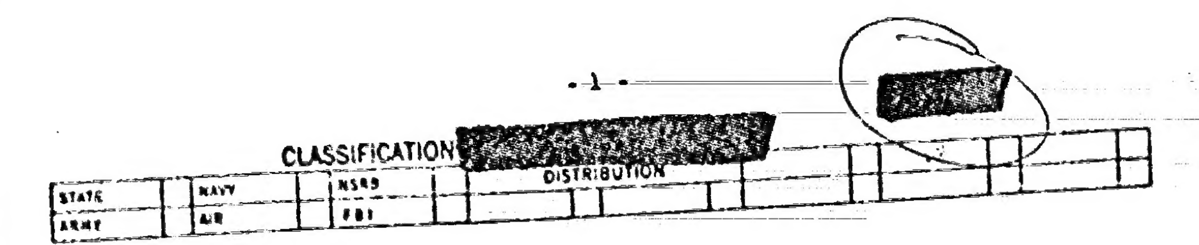
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France

MANY PERSONS SEE UNUSUAL OBJECT OVER PARIS -- Paris, Le Parisien Libere, 3 Sep 54

Jolivet, a resident of Paris, reported that on 30 August, he had seen a luminous, circular object flying over the city. After his report appeared in the press, many other persons [source gives names and addresses] reported that they had witnessed the phenomenon on the same day. Some of the reports indicate that the object was headed south-southwest, while other reports indicate a northeast direction; but, according to Claire Cordier and Andre Creffier, two natives of Angers, the object disappeared toward the north. [Claire Cordier reported a "disk" flying over her home town as well; see below.]

"FLYING DISK" SIGHTED IN WESTERN FRANCE -- Algiers, Alger Republicain, 4 Sep 54

A disk-shaped object was [no date given] observed by various persons simultaneously at about 2020 hours, flying over Angers and Lion-d'Angers, both in Maine-et-Loire Department, and over Château Gontier, Mayenne Department. The object was generally described as being brown and emitting a smoke trail of an odd hue of green. According to Claire Cordier, a nurse in Angers, the object gave off a soft drone, and its glow was reminiscent of the light in neon tubes. The phenomenon was visible for several minutes.

UNIDENTIFIED OBJECTS SEEN IN SOMME DEPARTMENT -- Dakar, Paris-Dakar, 10 Sep 54

A 27-year-old mason and his assistant report that recently [on 7 September; see below] they saw a gray object resembling a truncated millstone with a large inverted plate lying on it in a field about 200 meters from the road where they were bicycling, near Acheux-en-Amienois, Somme Department. The object oscillated slowly and seemed to have a closed door on its side. When the men had run about 50 meters toward it, the object began to fly away. Smoke was then visible from a sort of exhaust pipe on the underside. After an oblique flight of about 15 meters, the object rose vertically and disappeared. Police later found no traces of the object.

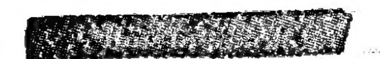
Paris, Le Parisien Libere, 14 Sep 54

Emile Renard, a mason, and Yves de Guillermoz, his assistant, saw what they considered to be a "flying saucer" at 0,15 hours on 7 September. Both men are known to be very reliable. They stated that the object apparently never touched ground, but hovered above the ground like a helicopter. It was about 10 meters in diameter and 3 meters in height, did not glow, and departed noiselessly, trailing smoke as it took off. They saw the object for at least 3 minutes.

[Source contains three crude sketches of the object drawn by these men.]

"FLYING DISK" SIGHTED IN AISNE DEPARTMENT -- Paris, Le Parisien Libere, 14 Sep 54

At about 0030 hours on 7 September, Robert Chovel and his wife and father-in-law were driving home from the theater in Hirson, Aisne Department, when they saw a luminous, red-orange "disk" flying above the railroad track. The "disk" stopped suddenly across the road, 300-400 meters from the ground. It



seemed to have on its upper side a small luminous tail forming an integral part of the object.

When the travelers reached the bridge at Buire, they saw what they believed to be a "flying saucer" increasing its altitude; as soon as the car lights beamed on it, the object started flying at great speed toward La Herie, 3-4 kilometers away, and disappeared.

UNUSUAL OBJECTS SIGHTED OVER NORMANDY -- Paris, Franc-Tireur, 16 Sep 54

At 0800 hours on 15 September, according to the report of Leclere, a newspaper agent in Carpiquet, Calvados Department, a white point of light appeared in the sky and grew rapidly in size. It was oval-shaped and had unusual brilliance. The phenomenon lasted 2 minutes. The witness stated that he was not subject to hallucinations.

A similar phenomenon was reportedly seen by a farmer in Thaon, also in Calvados Department.

BELIEVE "FLYING SAUCER" PILOTS WERE SMUGGLERS -- Paris, Franc-Tireur, 16 Sep 54

[The following is additional information on reports of two cases cited in the FBIS roundup of 14 September 1954.]

Two of the alleged recent landings [on 10 September] in France of "flying saucers" are considered by the local air police to have been nothing more than the landing of planes used in smuggling. Furthermore, in one case, the farmer in Correze Department stated that the pilot uttered unintelligible words; yet the farmer was certainly no polyglot and could easily have been fooled. In the other case, in Valenciennes Department, the witness may have been sincere, but it should be noted that he had a cranial traumatism one year ago and several nervous disturbances since. It is true, however, that in the latter case, the air police found four unusual marks on the railroad ties near the spot indicated by the witness, marks that could not have been made by the tools of railroad workers.

Italy

STRANGE FLYING OBJECT SEEN IN TUSCANY -- Paris, Franc-Tireur, 1, Sep 54

Grosseto, 16 September -- Two inhabitants of Pitigliano report the sighting of a round, white object making a strange, loud noise, flying near Grosseto in Tuscany, on 14 September. The object came to a standstill and then disappeared at high speed.

MYSTERIOUS OBJECT OBSERVED OVER ROME -- Dakar, Paris-Dakar, 20 Sep 54

Rome, 18 September (AFP) -- On the afternoon of 17 September, the control tower at the Ciampino air base observed a mysterious object shaped like half a cigar flying slowly at an altitude of about 1,200 meters. The object, leaving a trail of luminous smoke, was visible for about 40 minutes. Those manning the tower watched the object make a 400-meter dive and then regain its former altitude, moving from a horizontal to a vertical position. As the object took off toward the sea, the Ciampino tower notified the Pratica di Mare control tower,

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30 kilometers from Rome, which picked up the object and followed it on its radar screen for about 20 minutes. The radar showed the presence of an antenna located at the center of the widest part of the object.

The Netherlands

"FLYING SAUCERS" OVER THE HAGUE -- Amsterdam, De Telegraaf, 6 Aug 54

Ten firemen and their chief observed two "flying saucers" over The Hague on the night of 4 August between 2300 and 2400 hours. The objects were seen in the clear night air at a high altitude. They moved at incredible speed, at times remaining motionless for as long as 30 seconds. They were described as being flat ovals with a whitish-gray light. All of the observers agreed that the objects could not have been aircraft or balloons.

NEAR EAST/AFRICA

Turkey

SIGHT UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS OVER IZMIR PROVINCE -- Nicosia, Halkin Sesi, 31 Jul 54

Izmir, 30 July (Turkish News Agency) -- It has been reported that unidentified flying objects have recently been observed in the sky over Izmir Province. These objects, which have been sighted by thousands of persons in the [illegible] area of Izmir Province, were flying at great speed from east to west.

Izmir, Yeni Asir, 18 Aug 54

On 17 August, at approximately 1000 hours, as the Ayvalik-Izmir bus approached the Bergama road intersection, passengers observed a silver-hued, oval object in the air. Mustafa Turmut, one of the 25 passengers, stated that the object appeared to be very close to the ground and that it emitted a loud rustling sound, rose, and disappeared.

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS OVER TUNCELI PROVINCE -- Istanbul, Cumhuriyet, 2[illegible] Aug 54

Hozat, 2[illegible] August -- At approximately 1000 hours today, two unidentified flying objects were observed traveling at an altitude of 5,000 meters. One of the objects, which appeared from southwest of the town of Hozat, maintained its course and left in a northeasterly direction. The other object first rose to a considerable height and then disappeared in the same direction.

Uganda

"FLYING SAUCERS" SEEN IN EAST AFRICA -- Paris, Le Parisien Libere, 14 Sep 54

Kampala, 13 September -- A civil servant stated that he had seen (time unspecified) over Kampala, Uganda, a strange golden ball which appeared to be smaller than the moon yet larger than a star.

Several other inhabitants in East Africa also claim to have seen "flying saucers" recently.




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Singapore

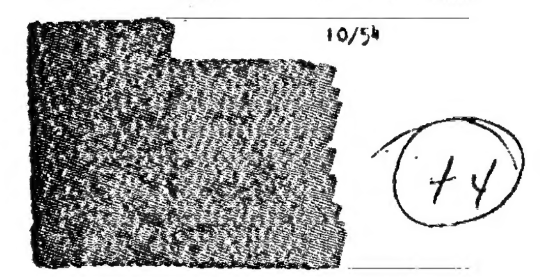
STRANGE LIGHT SEEN OVER AIRFIELD -- Calcutta, Jugantar, 6 Sep 54

A mysterious light traveling at high speed was observed over Singapore on the night of 4 September. Several persons reported this sighting to the British aviation authorities at Kalar [sic; Kallang?] Airfield. A British official said that at least six persons reported seeing the light. Rosemary Whitley, wife of a government radio engineer, said that she saw a huge white light traveling at a very high speed over the airfield.

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